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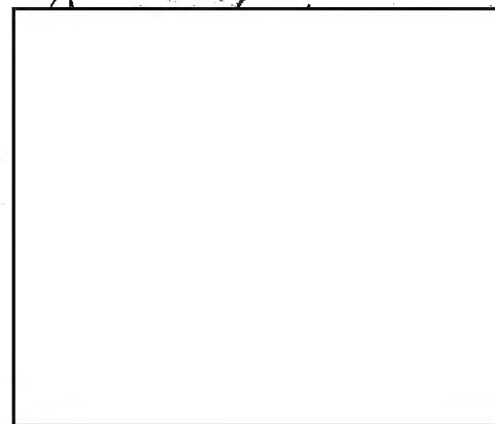
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 14553

FOR TRIAL COUNSEL, U. S. VS. DECHAMPLAIN

SUBJECT: DECHAMPLAIN COURT MARTIAL

REF: A. 13TH AIR FORCE MESSAGE 230353Z OCT 71  
B. BANGKOK 14378

1. ORIGINAL MEMCON REQUESTED IN TELECON CAPT. WHITNEY, 13TH AF, AND COLONEL LEWIS, EMBASSY, BANGKOK, 27 OCTOBER, HAS BEEN FORWARDED VIA OSI CLARK AIR BASE.

2. STATE DEPARTMENT HAS DIRECTED IMMEDIATE RE-ASSIGNMENT OF DCM NEWMAN TO WASHINGTON. MINISTER NEWMAN'S IMMINENT DEPARTURE MAKES ATTENDANCE AT COURT-MARTIAL AT GUAM, REQUESTED REF A, AND SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 8, A PERSONAL HARDSHIP FOR INDIVIDUAL. TRANSFER OF DCM AND AMBASSADOR'S RECENT RETURN TO POST ALSO PRECLUDE LATTER'S APPEARANCE AT TRIAL. REQUEST YOUR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATE SOURCE OF EVIDENCE WHICH COUNSEL PLANS TO OBTAIN FROM TESTIMONY OF MINISTER.

3. TESTIMONY OF LTC. HUNTER, OSI DISTRICT 51, APPEARS TO PRESENT POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING EVIDENCE TO SHOW APPROVAL OF CLASSIFICATION OF THE DOCUMENT TO WHICH NEWMAN'S TESTIMONY WOULD RELATE. FURTHER, COL. ALBERT H. WARD, JR., USAF, FROM THE EMBASSY, MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE IF HIS TESTIMONY COULD SUBSTITUTE FOR THAT OF DCM. IF COL. WARD'S APPEARANCE IS REQUIRED WE ASSUME

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THE FUND CITATION CONTAINED REF A MAY BE USED FOR HIS  
TRAVEL IN MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

4. IN VIEW OF URGENCY OF DCM'S DEPARTURE, REQUEST  
EARLIEST DECISION ON ALTERNATE WITNESS.

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